
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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Treasurer of State

Purpose and History

The position of Treasurer of State was created in 1857 by Article IV, Section 22, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. The Treasurer is elected by a statewide popular vote and serves a four-year term. The duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are specified in Iowa Code chapter 12. In general, the responsibilities of the Treasurer include the following:

- Serves as the State's cash manager. The Treasurer coordinates the financial services used by State agencies and maintains custody of State funds. The Treasurer processes receipts, makes disbursements, and invests all State funds. The Treasurer accounts for State funds on a cash basis and balances regularly with financial institutions and the Department of Administrative Services.
- Coordinates the issuance of debt by State agencies and authorities, invests bond proceeds, and manages lease-purchase financing for State agencies.
- Administers the investment of two State pension funds: the Peace Officers' Retirement Fund and the Judicial Retirement Fund. The Treasurer serves as the custodian for these funds, as well as the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement (IPERS) Fund.
- Prepares an annual report of the bonded indebtedness of public units in the State.
- Administers Iowa's 529 college savings plans under the Iowa Educational Savings Plan Trust in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 12D (also known as the College Savings Iowa Program). The Trust was created to provide Iowa families with a way to save for future education expenses while benefiting from State and federal tax incentives. Iowa has two 529 college savings plans: College Savings Iowa (sold directly) and the Iowa Advisor 529 plan (sold by advisors).
- Manages unclaimed property that is remitted to the State under Iowa Code chapter 556. Property is held until it is claimed by the owners or their heirs via the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt.
- Holds collateral pledged by Iowa banks to secure public deposits.
- Implements the Small Business Linked Investments for Tomorrow (LIFT) Program. Under the LIFT Program, State money is placed in certificates of deposit in Iowa banks with the agreement that the money be used to finance small business loans at set rates.
- Serves as an ex officio member of various boards and commissions.

More Information

State of Iowa Treasurer: www.treasurer.state.ia.us

National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers: nasact.org

Iowa State County Treasurers Association: www.iowatreasurers.org

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Funding — State General Fund

The Treasurer of State's Office receives an annual appropriation from the General Fund to fund operational costs related to State finance, fund accounting, and related administrative activities.

Other Sources of Revenue

In addition to the General Fund appropriation, the Treasurer's Office receives an annual appropriation from the Road Use Tax Fund that is used to reimburse the Department of Administrative Services for providing State accounting system resources related to the accounting for and distribution of Road Use Tax money. The Treasurer also receives reimbursements for salary costs related to various programs including: Cash Management, Unclaimed Property, Iowa Education Savings Plan Trust, Pension Investment and Custody, and Protection of Public Deposits.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [12](#), [12A](#), [12B](#), [12C](#), [12D](#), [12E](#), [12F](#), [12G](#), [12H](#), and [556](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [781](#)